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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in conjunction with a request for a RCE in response to the Final Office Action dated November 29, 2001. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 42, 51 and 55 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 39-40, 43, 44, 50, 52 and 54 with the following amended claims:

1, 39. Twice Amended) A stent with a proximal end, a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the stent comprising:

a plurality of undulating band-like elements having alternating peaks and troughs, each undulating band-like element extending about the longitudinal axis, the plurality of undulating band-like elements extending from the proximal end of the stent to the distal end of the stent, adjacent undulating band-like elements separated by gaps which are shorter in longitudinal length than the undulating band-like elements,

the plurality of undulating band-like elements including a first undulating band-like element, a second undulating band-like element and a third undulating band-like element, the second undulating band-like element disposed between the first and third undulating band-like elements, and